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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1208

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 52-557b of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5 *passage*):

6 (a) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the  
7 provisions of chapter 370 or dentistry under the provisions of section  
8 20-106 or members of the same professions licensed to practice in any  
9 other state of the United States, a person licensed as a registered nurse  
10 under section 20-93 or 20-94 or certified as a licensed practical nurse  
11 under section 20-96 or 20-97, a medical technician or any person  
12 operating a cardiopulmonary resuscitator or an automatic external  
13 defibrillator, or a person trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or

14 in the use of an automatic external defibrillator in accordance with the  
15 standards set forth by the American Red Cross or American Heart  
16 Association, who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the  
17 ordinary course of such person's employment or practice, renders  
18 emergency medical or professional assistance to a person in need  
19 thereof, shall not be liable to such person assisted for civil damages for  
20 any personal injuries which result from acts or omissions by such  
21 person in rendering the emergency care, which may constitute  
22 ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection does  
23 not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton  
24 negligence. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt  
25 paid or volunteer firefighters, police officers or emergency medical  
26 services personnel from completing training in cardiopulmonary  
27 resuscitation or in the use of an automatic external defibrillator in  
28 accordance with the standard set forth by the American Red Cross or  
29 American Heart Association. For the purposes of this subsection,  
30 "automatic external defibrillator" means a device that: (1) Is used to  
31 administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart; (2)  
32 contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or  
33 special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make  
34 medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply therapy; (3) guides the user  
35 through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts;  
36 and (4) does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment  
37 in its use."